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**CONGRESSMAN DAVID WU TO
INTRODUCE COMMON SENSE EDUCATION
LEGISLATION**
***Wu's senior mentoring measure included in
committee bill***

Washington, DC—Congressman David Wu today introduced legislation during the House Education Committee to reduce class size in kindergarten through third grade. The Education Committee today is working on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that will provide crucial support for education efforts across the country.

"We have a responsibility to support local schools in Oregon and to make sure that all schoolchildren in America have what they need to succeed," said Congressman Wu. "This legislation is a step in the right direction and I am proud to support common sense efforts that are working in Oregon."

Included in the ESEA is language to add senior citizen mentors in public schools. Congressman Wu introduced this measure, called Seniors in Our Schools (SOS) with Congressman Ernie Fletcher (R-KY) last year and again this year.

"I am supporting measures to add senior citizen mentors in schools and to help reduce class size by adding more teachers," said Congressman Wu. "I am opposing vouchers that strip mine public school resources for private use."

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